



This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

It has survived long enough for the copyright to expire and the book to enter the public domain. A public domain book is one that was never subject to copyright or whose legal copyright term has expired. Whether a book is in the public domain may vary country to country. Public domain books are our gateways to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

Marks, notations and other marginalia present in the original volume will appear in this file - a reminder of this book's long journey from the publisher to a library and finally to you.

Usage guidelines

Google is proud to partner with libraries to digitize public domain materials and make them widely accessible. Public domain books belong to the public and we are merely their custodians. Nevertheless, this work is expensive, so in order to keep providing this resource, we have taken steps to prevent abuse by commercial parties, including placing technical restrictions on automated querying.

We also ask that you:

- + *Make non-commercial use of the files* We designed Google Book Search for use by individuals, and we request that you use these files for personal, non-commercial purposes.
- + *Refrain from automated querying* Do not send automated queries of any sort to Google's system: If you are conducting research on machine translation, optical character recognition or other areas where access to a large amount of text is helpful, please contact us. We encourage the use of public domain materials for these purposes and may be able to help.
- + *Maintain attribution* The Google "watermark" you see on each file is essential for informing people about this project and helping them find additional materials through Google Book Search. Please do not remove it.
- + *Keep it legal* Whatever your use, remember that you are responsible for ensuring that what you are doing is legal. Do not assume that just because we believe a book is in the public domain for users in the United States, that the work is also in the public domain for users in other countries. Whether a book is still in copyright varies from country to country, and we can't offer guidance on whether any specific use of any specific book is allowed. Please do not assume that a book's appearance in Google Book Search means it can be used in any manner anywhere in the world. Copyright infringement liability can be quite severe.

About Google Book Search

Google's mission is to organize the world's information and to make it universally accessible and useful. Google Book Search helps readers discover the world's books while helping authors and publishers reach new audiences. You can search through the full text of this book on the web at <http://books.google.com/>

Harvard Depository
Brittle Book



FORMS OF PRAYER.

FORMS OF PRAYER

FOR

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men !

Let them exalt Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.—*Psalms* cvii. 31, 32.

THIRD EDITION, REVISED AND ENLARGED.

LONDON :

EDWARD T. WHITFIELD, 2 ESSEX STREET, STRAND.
1851.

**PRINTED BY RICHARD AND JOHN E. TAYLOR,
RED LION COURT, FLEET STREET.**

766
F726 of
1851

PREFACE.

OF the following Liturgical Forms, the first, the third, the fifth and the seventh are the same, somewhat abbreviated and otherwise arranged, with those which were originally prepared for a Congregation of Protestant Dissenters assembling in Mosley Street, Manchester*. The alternate Services were added to the other four, on occa-

* 'Forms of Prayer, for the Use of a Congregation of Protestant Dissenters in Manchester. New Edition. 1817.' A previous edition had been in use from the opening of the chapel in Mosley-street, about the year 1789.

sion of the removal of the Congregation to a new place of worship, in Upper Brook Street in the same town, 1839.

The theory of a religious service, in accordance with which these Liturgies have been framed, is this: that it should commence with the most general forms of adoration, thanksgiving, confession and intercession, adapted as nearly as possible to the wants of all human hearts when they enter into the presence of God, and expressed in language so consecrated by long and venerable usage, that it shall seem rather the breathing of our common humanity than the utterance of an individual mind; and that then, when the feelings of the congregation have been raised by these ordinary and familiar influences to a certain pitch of religious sensibility, they should be drawn on by the devotional offices of the Minister himself to a more direct sympathy with the particular train of reflection and sentiment

to which it is his present intention to invite them—the prayer before the sermon, as well as that which succeeds it, alike having reference to its distinguishing topics and tendency, and conspiring to fix and deepen its general impression. By such an arrangement, each part of the service may be made to harmonise with the rest, and help to produce an entire and consistent effect:—the individuality of the Minister's own mind, as it glows and kindles with the progress of the service, gradually, as it were, emerging from, and prevailing over, the social character of the introductory offices, and finally pressing home to the heart in one direction and with concentrated force, the religious convictions which it has been the tendency of the whole previous service to awaken.

Relieved from the necessity of continually preparing the offices of general devotion, the Minister is enabled to adapt his own prayers more completely to the subject of the ser-

mon, and, by thus infusing into them a greater variety of topic and freshness of feeling, to avoid that mechanical formalism, which is too apt to creep over what is called the Long Prayer in Dissenting modes of worship: while the very stability and fixedness of the liturgical forms acquire from usage a certain sanctity of character, and seem fitly to represent those sentiments which are as unchanging and universal as human nature itself. The two elements of permanence and progression are thus pleasingly and beneficially combined in one form of Christian worship; the Liturgy connecting the mind, through the venerable phraseology of the past, with whatever is most holy, solemn and beautiful in the convictions and remembrances of our common faith, and the free prayer of the Minister, as it issues fresh from the same effort of mind which has produced the sermon, carrying out the sympathies of his audience into the living influ-

ences of the present, and the glowing inspirations of the future.

From a regard to the feelings here expressed, the materials of the four new services have been chiefly taken from the Scriptures, the collects and different offices of the Book of Common Prayer, and the devotional writings of Bishop Jeremy Taylor. A few prayers of more recent date and of a more philosophical character have been occasionally introduced for the sake of variety. Considerable assistance has been derived from the Forms of Prayer compiled for the use of the congregation assembling in George's Meeting-house, Exeter, for which this public acknowledgment is due. A similarity has arisen, in some cases, between that compilation and the present, in consequence of both having drawn their materials from a common source. Use also has been made of a collection of Liturgies prepared, in the course of the last century, for a

Society of Protestant Dissenters at Salisbury, and of one more recent, drawn up by the late Rev. B. Carpenter, of Stourbridge.

A Form for the Solemnization of Matrimony is added to these Services : and though it is customary among Protestant Dissenters for the Minister to use his own compositions in administering the Lord's Supper and the rite of Baptism or Dedication, and in performing the Burial Service, yet, as, in case of the absence of the regular Minister, it is often found convenient to have a printed form at hand,—for these occasions also, forms have been appended, borrowed immediately from the Exeter Liturgy.

In the third Service, the Ten Commandments and our Lord's summary of true religion are introduced in immediate sequence, to mark the historical relation of Judaism to Christianity, and not as implying that the Mosaic law is any longer binding on Christians, excepting so far as it coincides

with the law of Nature. In the fourth Commandment, the sanction assigned in Deut. v. 14, is chosen in preference to that given in Exodus, xx. 11, as partaking more of a moral and practical character.

There is, perhaps, no part of the public services of the Dissenters, which stands more in need of improvement than the devotional, which has been sacrificed to the sermon, and too often, it must be confessed, is dry, bare, and unaffecting. It is worthy of consideration, whether the partial use of liturgical forms, subject to occasional revisions, constantly associated with the exercise of free prayer, and aided by improved modes of sacred harmony, vocal and instrumental, might not become a means of reviving greater warmth of devotional feeling and purity of devotional taste, than at present generally prevails in our religious assemblies. Towards the close of Mrs. Barbauld's Reply*

* Works, vol. ii. pp. 459 *et seq.*

to Mr. Gilbert Wakefield, on Public Worship, are some remarks, conceived in the true spirit of enlightened reformation, to which the attention of those is earnestly invited, who regard the cultivation of the devotional sentiment as the great means of spiritualising morality and elevating the habitual tone of the mind.

PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION.

THE publisher having undertaken a new impression of these Services, it has been thought proper to subject them to a careful revisal, and to introduce a few alterations which experience has suggested as desirable. Of these the principal is the omission of fixed portions of the Psalms for chanting or alternate recitation, between the First and Second Lessons—and the substitution of an ampler and more varied selection from the Psalter, which has been thrown into an Appendix. The Minister will thus have a freer choice, in reference to the particular character of his services for the day.

b

In the former edition, only the first and eighth Services contained intercessory prayers. In the present, for the sake of uniformity they have been introduced into each of the Services; and with a view to preserve the original character of these Liturgical Forms, the new intercessory prayers have been adapted with slight additions from the earliest edition which consisted of only four Services—from the ‘Holy Living’ of Jeremy Taylor—and in one instance (in the Sixth Service) from the Reformed Liturgy submitted by Baxter to the Conference of Divines at the Savoy in 1661.

If any Congregations should think fit to adopt these Services, it is earnestly recommended, that at least their younger members should be accustomed and even taught (if needful, in classes formed for the purpose) to join distinctly and audibly in the responses. A liturgy is distinguished from other forms of devotion, as an act of social worship, in

which the Minister and the People alike take part, and join together in lifting up their voices to God. This is its proper excellence and beauty. It then only deserves the charge of formalism, when the really social part of the Service is performed by deputy—either through the solitary ejaculations of the clerk or the more refined expedient of a paid Choir. The Choir should be in the People themselves.

There is always a difficulty, and some feeling of concession to mere form, in a first deviation from the established usages of devotion. Were simple psalmody, natural and beautiful as we justly regard it, to be now introduced for the first time, it would lie open to similar objections, and very probably be made a subject of ridicule by the severely rational. Why the well-cadenced mingling of many voices in the utterance of the solemn words of Scripture, should be deemed more opposed to the *spirit* of de-

votion, than the united execution of the complicated harmonies often introduced into our modern hymn-tunes—it does not seem easy to assign any satisfactory reason. It is believed, that if an effort were made in this direction—by some preliminary training and joint practice—simply and earnestly, and with the feeling that it was a religious exercise—a change would speedily come over this part of our public Service, in which many pious hearts would rejoice.

J. J. T.

FIRST SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

THE sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ;
a broken and a contrite heart, O God,
thou wilt not despise. *Psalm li. 17.*

I will arise, and go to my Father, and
will say unto him, Father, I have sinned
against heaven, and before thee, and am no
more worthy to be called thy son. *Luke xv.*
18, 19.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant,
O Lord ; for in thy sight shall no man
living be justified. *Psalm cxliii. 2.*

Repent ye ; for the kingdom of heaven is
at hand. *Matt. iii. 2.*

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture
moveth us in sundry places to acknow-

ledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands; to set forth his most worthy praise; to hear his most holy word; and to ask those things that are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with pure hearts unto the throne of the heavenly grace:

General Confession.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against thy holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have

done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us; spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults; restore thou them that are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, and who dost pardon and absolve all them, that truly repent and unfeignedly love and serve thee; we beseech thee to grant unto us true repentance and thy holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which we do at this present time, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to thine eternal joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open; all desires known; and from whom no secrets are hid;—cleanse the

thoughts of our hearts from all evil, and renew us in the spirit of our minds ; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. O Lord, open thou our lips.

People. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be recited parts of the cxvii. and cxviii. Psalms by the Minister and People alternately, all standing.*

PSALMS CXVII., CXVIII.

Minister.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations :
praise him, all ye people.

People. For his merciful kindness is great
towards us ; and the truth of the Lord endureth
for ever.

Minister. O give thanks unto the Lord ;
for he is good : because his mercy endureth
for ever.

People. Let them now that fear the Lord
say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister. It is better to trust in the
Lord, than to put confidence in man.

People. It is better to trust in the Lord,
than to put confidence in princes.

Minister. The Lord is our strength and
our song ; and is become our salvation.

People. The voice of rejoicing and salvation
is in the dwellings of the righteous :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty
things to pass.

Minister. Thou art our God, and we will
praise thee : thou art our God, we will
exalt thee.

People. O give thanks unto the Lord, for

he is good : for his mercy endureth for ever.
Amen.

Or this Psalm.

PSALM CXI.

Minister.

PRAISE ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

People. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

Minister. His work is honourable and glorious ; and his righteousness endureth for ever.

People. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered ; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Minister. The works of his hands are verity and judgment ; all his commandments are sure.

People. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

Minister. He sent redemption unto his

people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

People. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

¶ *To be used on Easter-day, instead of the foregoing.*

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 *Cor.* v. 7.

Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.—For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Rom.* vi. 9.

Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 1 *Cor.* xv. 20.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible, God only wise ;

People. Be honour and glory through
Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament, the people sitting ; and after that, a Psalm from the Appendix may either be chanted, or recited in the manner aforesaid.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament ; and after that, the following Prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

Minister.

Let us pray.

BLESSED Lord God, who hast caused
all holy scriptures to be written for our
learning ; grant that we may in such wise
hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them ; that by patience and comfort
of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever
hold fast, the joyful hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Or this Collect.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we request or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our consciences are afraid, and giving us those good things which we are encouraged to ask through thy great mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same, as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Second Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom consisteth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; grant us thy con-

tinual protection, that we may be safe from all our enemies, and evermore give thanks unto thee in the congregation of thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of evil, may pass our time in rest and quietness, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Third Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day : defend us in the same by thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of harm ; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this for Aid against all Perils.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, with whom there is no shadow of darkness; defend us, we beseech thee, by thy great mercy, from all the perils and dangers to which we may be exposed; and keep us by thy watchful providence in peace and safety now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the Queen.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the supreme Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold our Sovereign Queen VICTORIA; and so replenish her with thy holy Spirit, that she may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and happiness long to live; prosper all her righteous undertakings; and after this life may she attain everlasting joy and felicity, through thy mercy and goodness in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Royal Family.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless all the royal family: endue them with thy holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Clergy and People.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art the author of every good and perfect gift; send down upon all Ministers of the Gospel and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. This we humbly ask, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Parliament.

[To be read during the session.]

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this king-

dom in general, so especially for the high court of Parliament, under thy servant VICTORIA our Queen, at this time assembled; that thou wouldst be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and her kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours on the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities for them, for us, and for thy whole Church, we humbly beg for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For all Conditions of Men.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy way known unto them; thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the whole Christian Church in all parts of the world, that it may be so

c

guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we humbly ask, as the disciples of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mer-

cies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, according to the Gospel of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee; and hast especially encouraged us by thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to make known unto thee our humble requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the

c 2

light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Or :

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SECOND SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. *Ezekiel, xviii. 27.*

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. *Joel, ii. 13.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but, if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 *John, i. 8, 9.*

Minister.

JUST, righteous, and fitting is it, to praise and glorify, to worship and adore, to bless and magnify, the great God; Creator of all things, visible and invisible; the Treasure of all good, temporal and eternal; the Fountain of all life, mortal and immortal; the Lord and God of all creatures in heaven and on earth; the great Master of his servants; the great Father of his children.—Let us praise Him.

Doxology, or Hymn of Praise.

O GOD, the heavens, and the heaven of heavens, and every power therein; the sun and moon, and all the stars of light; the earth and the sea; the heights above and the depths below; the spirits of just men made perfect; the glorious company of prophets, apostles, and martyrs; angels and archangels; thrones and dominions and principalities and powers; the spirits of understanding and the spirits of love; with unceasing hymns and perpetual anthems, praise thee, crying unto thee day and night,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,

who wast, and art, and art to come ; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Minister. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God :

People. Be honour and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *The People standing or kneeling.*

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and on earth ; we humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us, according to thy promises through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things ; graft in our hearts the love of thy name ; increase in us true religion ; nourish us with all goodness ; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy

will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be recited the following Psalm, by Minister and People alternately.*

PSALM CXLVIII.

Minister.

PRAISE ye the Lord, praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights.

People. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts.

Minister. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light.

People. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters, that be above the heavens.

Minister. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

People. He hath also established them for ever and ever; he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Minister. Praise the Lord from the earth,
ye dragons and all deeps :

People. Fire and hail ; snow and vapours ;
stormy wind fulfilling his word :

Minister. Mountains and all hills ; fruit-
ful trees and all cedars :

People. Beasts and all cattle ; creeping
things and flying fowl :

Minister. Kings of the earth and all
people ; princes and all judges of the
earth :

People. Both young men and maidens ;
old men and children :

Minister. Let them praise the name of
the Lord : for his name alone is excellent ;
his glory is above the earth and heaven.

People. He also exalteth the horn of his
people, the praise of all his saints.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord ; praise God
in his sanctuary : praise him in the firma-
ment of his power.

People. Praise him for his mighty acts :
praise him according to his excellent great-
ness.

Minister. Praise him with the psaltery
and harp ; praise him with stringed instru-
ments and organs.

People. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; and after that, a Psalm from the Appendix may either be chanted or recited in the manner aforesaid.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; and after that, the following prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

LITANY, OR GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

Minister.

MOST glorious and eternal God, Father of mercy and God of all consolation, we bow down before thee with lowly and penitent hearts, and offer thee all adoration and praise for thine infinite glories and essential perfections, and our thanksgivings for the continual manifestation of thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.

People. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister. We acknowledge, gracious

Father, that we have deserved thy righteous displeasure ; and that, if thou hadst dealt with us after our sins, we should now have been reaping the bitter fruits of our past misdoings. But thy mercy is greater than our sins : thou hast still continued us in life, and given us time for repentance : thou hast opened unto us the gates of mercy and grace ; and thou perpetually callest upon us to enter in, and to walk in the paths of a holy life, that we may glorify thee, and of thee be glorified everlastingly.

People. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving-kindness ; for we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

Minister. Behold, O God, for this thy great and unspeakable goodness, for thy preservation of us during the past week, and for all other thy graces and blessings, we offer up our souls and bodies, all that we are, and all that we have, as a sacrifice to thee and thy service ; humbly beseeching thee to pardon all our sins, to defend us from all evil, to lead us into all good, and to let our portion be amongst the redeemed, when thou gatherest together thy saints in thy kingdom of grace and glory.

People. O keep our souls and deliver us ; let us not be ashamed, for we put our trust in thee.

Minister. So guide us, O Lord, through all the changes and accidents of life, that in all things which shall befall us, we may preserve an even and tranquil spirit, and our souls may be wholly resigned to thy divine will and pleasure ; neither murmuring at thy gentle chastisements and fatherly corrections, nor waxing proud and insolent, when the comforts and prosperous successes of this world are multiplied unto us.

People. The Lord is our light and our salvation ; whom shall we fear ? the Lord is the strength of our life ; of whom shall we be afraid ?

Minister. Almighty God, fix our thoughts, our hopes and our desires, upon heaven and heavenly things ; teach us to use the world as not abusing it, and sincerely to repent of all our sins ; give us holy purposes of amendment, and spiritual strength and assistances to perform faithfully whatsoever we shall intend piously. Enrich our understandings with an eternal treasure of divine truths, that we may know what thou requirest of us : and do thou, who workest

in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure, teach us to obey all thy commandments, and believe all thy revelations; and make us partakers of all thy gracious promises.

People. Let us set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth; that, when Christ who is our life shall appear, we also may appear with him in glory.

Minister. Teach us, good Lord, so to watch over all our ways, that we may never be surprised by sudden temptation or a careless spirit. Set a watch before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips, that we offend not with our tongues against piety or charity. Be thou, O God, in all our thoughts, that we may speak nothing but what is acceptable unto thee and accordant with thy will; and do nothing but what becomes thy servants, whom thou hast created in thine own image, and redeemed by thy blessed Son, and made the heirs of everlasting life.

People. We will take heed unto our ways, that we sin not with our tongues: we will order our steps according to thy word, that iniquity may not have dominion over us.

Minister. O most holy God, let all our passions and affections be so brought under

D

the dominion of grace, that we may never wilfully and deliberately, nor yet through levity, rashness, or inconsideration, offend thy divine majesty. Make us such as thou wouldst have us to be. Strengthen our faith; confirm our hope; and give us a continual increase of charity: that this day and every day, we may serve thee according to all our capacities and opportunities; growing from grace to grace, and from strength to strength, till at last by thy mercies we shall receive the consummation of our faith and the reward of our obedience in the glories of thy heavenly and eternal kingdom.

People. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days: and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us!

Minister. And now in all tribulation and anguish of spirit; in all dangers of soul and body; in prosperity and adversity; in the hour of death and in the day of judgment;—O holy and most blessed God, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, save us, and deliver us, for thy name's sake.

People. Lord have mercy upon us. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayer.

GOD of the nations, we implore thy blessing on this land of our fathers.

Give to thy servant, our Queen, the spirit of wisdom and counsel, the spirit of government and godly fear; that her rule may be established in the reverence and affection of her people. Surround her throne with able and upright ministers; that aided by them, she may promote peace and freedom, and the cause of virtue and true religion, throughout the world. Bless her Consort and her offspring, and all the members of the Royal House.

[* Father of lights, control and guide to the furtherance of the ends of thy just and merciful providence, the deliberations of the great Council of the Nation, at this time in Parliament assembled.]

Give, O Lord, to our judges and magistrates, equity and sincerity, prudence and courage, that they may protect the innocent and punish evil-doers.

O Thou great Shepherd of souls, pour into the hearts of all Christian ministers in

* To be used when Parliament is sitting.
D 2

every church and sect, and of all the instructors of their fellow-men under every religious dispensation, the spirit of truth and holiness and love. Bless them in the faithful delivery of thy will, that by their life and their doctrine, they may turn many from the error of their ways, and bring them to heaven and Thee.

O God, heal the strife and stay the warring of the nations. Bring home to thy fold, all that have gone astray. Establish the holiness and perfect the peace of thy faithful servants. As we advance in years, give us day by day an increase of devotion and charity, of holy thoughts, and sweet affections, and longing desires after heaven and heavenly things; that we may pass at length through a calm and trustful death, into that better life which thou hast prepared in heaven for the pure and upright in heart. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hearken unto the petitions of thy children; we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears unto us, that have now

made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully, in accordance with thy holy will, we may obtain effectually, to the relief of our spiritual necessities, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

GRACE be unto us, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, now and evermore. *Amen.*

THIRD SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

CAST away from you all your transgressions whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O ye children of men?

For I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves and live. *Ezekiel*, xviii. 31, 32.

He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. *Hebrews*, xi. 6.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. *Matthew*, vii. 21.

¶ *Then the Minister shall say :*

LET all the earth fear the Lord ; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him : for he spake, and it was done ; he commanded, and it stood fast ; he hath prepared his throne in the heavens ; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

People. He hath prepared his throne for judgment : and he shall judge the world in righteousness.

Minister.

GOD spake these words unto the children of Israel by the mouth of his servant Moses, and said :

I. I am the Lord thy God ; thou shalt have none other Gods but me.

II. Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless, that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember that thou keep holy the sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labour and do all that thou hast to do; but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates: that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt do no murder.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

HEAR also what our Lord Jesus Christ saith to his disciples :

“ The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel ; the Lord our God is one Lord : and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment : and the second is like unto it, namely this ; thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. There is none other commandment greater than these.” *Mark*, xii. 29, 30, 31. *Matt.* xxii. 38, 39, 40.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Introductory Prayer.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy servants ; and that we may obtain our petitions, teach us, at all times, to ask such things as shall please thee ; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, for thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Faith in Christ.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast called us with a holy calling, grant us so perfectly and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that we may be established in the truth of thy gospel, and our faith in thy sight may never be reproved. May we forsake all covetous desires, inordinate love of riches, and carnal affections; forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; and steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life. *Amen.*

For the Imitation of Christ.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested, that he might take away our sins, and make us the sons of God and the heirs of eternal life; grant, we pray thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure. In every time of difficulty and temptation, may we steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; that so, having followed the example of our Saviour's humility, patience, and obedience, we may at length become partakers of his resurrection,

and be made like unto him in his everlasting and glorious kingdom. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be recited the xix. Psalm, by Minister and People alternately.*

Minister.

THE heavens declare the glory of God ;
and the firmament sheweth his handy-
work.

People. Day unto day uttereth speech,
and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Minister. There is no speech nor language,
where their voice is not heard.

People. Their line is gone out through
all the earth, and their words to the end
of the world.

Minister. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

People. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the end of it ; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Minister. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul ; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

People. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart ; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

Minister. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever : the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

People. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold ; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Minister. Moreover by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward.

People. Who can understand his errors ? Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Minister. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins : let them not have dominion over me : then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

People. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer ! *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament ; and after that, a Psalm from the Appendix may be either chanted, or recited as before directed.*

¶ *Then shall be read the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament ; and after that, the following Litany, or General Supplication, the People standing or kneeling.*

Minister.

O GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker and Lord of heaven and earth, who lovest righteousness, who hatest iniquity, but art of long-suffering and of great goodness ; who, by the death and obedience of thy beloved Son, hast purchased to thyself a church and people, and called them with a holy calling ; and who, by thy holy Spirit, dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful servants ;—have mercy upon us sinners. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; but, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved, and every evil to which we may be exposed.

People. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, and have compassion on the work of thine hands.

Minister. From all blindness of heart ; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharita-

E

bleness ; from fleshly lusts that war against the soul ; and from the deceitful allurements of this transitory world ;

People. Good Lord, deliver us.

Minister. In all time of our tribulation ; in all time of our prosperity ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment ;

People. Be thou our help and our stay ; the strength of our heart, and our portion for ever.

Minister. We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God ; and that it may please thee to rule and govern all thy sincere worshipers in the right way ;

People Sanctify them through thy truth ; thy word is truth.

Minister. May it please thee to bless and keep all thy people.

People. Make thy face to shine upon them, and be gracious unto them.

Minister. May it please thee, of thy tender mercy, to visit the dark nations of the earth with the day-spring from on high ; to deliver the captives of idolatry and superstition ; to quicken the dead in trespasses and sins ; and to guide their feet into the way of peace.

People. May they know thee, the only

true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

Minister. May it please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord.

People. May the earth be filled with the knowledge of the Lord ; and nothing hurt or destroy in all thy holy mountain.

Minister. May it please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments.

People. May we present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in thy sight.

Minister. May it please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace ; to hear meekly thy word ; to receive it with pure affection ; and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

People. Being doers of the word, and not hearers only, may they be blessed in their deed.

Minister. May it please thee to bring into the way of truth, all such as have erred and are deceived.

People. May they walk in the light of the sun of righteousness, and be filled with peace and joy in believing.

Minister. May it please thee to strengthen

E 2

such as do stand ; to comfort and help the weak-hearted ; to raise up them that fall ; and finally to give them the victory over all temptations.

People. May they obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in every time of need.

Minister. May it please thee to succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation.

People. Consider their trouble, O God ; supply their wants ; and know thou their souls in their adversity.

Minister. May it please thee to give, and preserve to our use, the kindly fruits of the earth ; so that in due time we may enjoy them.

People. Suffer not seed-time and harvest to fail ; but still cause the earth to yield her increase, and crown the year with thy goodness.

Minister. May it please thee to give us true repentance ; to accept our unfeigned contrition ; to forgive all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

People. O let thy mercy reclaim us from

every evil way, and restore us to the joys of thy salvation.

Minister. Glory be to God in the highest :

People. And on earth peace, good-will towards men. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayer.

HEAVENLY Father, we beseech thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, and in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant VICTORIA, our Queen. Rule her heart in thy faith, fear and love; that she may evermore put her trust in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory. Be thou her Defender and Keeper: prosper thou her righteous undertakings: and may it please thee, O Lord, to bless and preserve all the Royal family.

Illuminate the ministers of Christ's holy gospel in every church, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; that both by their living and preaching, they may set it forth and shew it accordingly.

Endue the Lords of the Council, and both Houses of Parliament, and all who are placed in exalted stations of confidence

and authority, with wisdom, integrity, and understanding. Direct and bless our Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice and to preserve peace.

Spread thy truth, O Lord, through all lands, and open all hearts to its reception. Send down thy Spirit on the labours and inquiries of the truth-seeking and the upright under every religious dispensation : and hasten thou the time, when the whole earth shall be blessed with the knowledge of thy truth, and thy name shall be honoured from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking ; we beseech thee in thy great mercy to have compassion on our infirmities ; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot, ask, vouchsafe to give us, in the abundance of thy grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE Lord bless and keep us ; the Lord
make his face to shine upon us, and be
gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up his coun-
tenance upon us, and give us peace. *Amen.*

FOURTH SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

WE will sing unto the Lord as long as we live: we will sing praise to our God while we have our being.

Our meditation of him shall be sweet: we will be glad in the Lord. *Psalm civ.* 33, 34.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. *Romans, xi.* 33, 36.

Minister.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto the Lord our God. — Therefore with angels and arch-angels, and with all the company of heaven, will we laud and magnify his glorious name; evermore praising him, and saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

People. O come, let us magnify the Lord; let us exalt his name together.

¶ *Then shall be recited the following Hymn of Praise, by the Minister and People, all standing.*

Minister.

O LORD our God, in the beginning thou didst create the heavens and the earth.

People. Thou art the Lord, and there is none else; there is no God beside thee.

Minister. And when the earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep; thy Spirit moved upon the face of the waters: and thou

saidst, Let there be light; and there was light.

People. Thou coverest thyself with light as with a garment; and stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Minister. And thou saidst, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters; and let it divide the waters from the waters: and thou calledst the firmament, heaven.

People. Thou layest the beams of thy chambers in the waters, and thy paths drop fatness.

Minister. Thou saidst, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear.

People. The sea is thine, and thou madest it; and thy hands formed the dry land.

Minister. Thou saidst, Let the earth bring forth grass; the herb yielding seed, and the fruit-tree yielding fruit after its kind.

People. Thou causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth.

Minister. Thou saidst, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for

years ; and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.

People. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.

Minister. Thou madest two great lights ; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night : thou madest the stars also.

People. Thou hast appointed the moon for seasons ; and the sun knoweth his going down. Thou tellest the number of the stars, and callest them all by their names.

Minister. Thou saidst, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

People. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy riches ; so is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great.

Minister. Thou saidst, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle and creeping thing, and beast of the field after his kind.

People. O Lord, how manifold are thy works ! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Minister. Thou saidst, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

People. Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Minister. Thou didst see every thing that thou hadst made; and behold it was very good.

People. O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Minister. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

People. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion! Bless the Lord, O our souls! *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; and after that, a Psalm from the Appendix shall either be chanted, or read alternately by Minister and People.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament ; and after that, the following prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

Minister. Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee, such good things as pass man's understanding ; pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men ; grant unto thy people, that they may love that which thou dost command, and desire that which thou dost promise ; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes in this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found, at thy right hand for evermore. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest unto them that be in error, the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness ; grant unto

R

all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may shun those things which are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O GOD, the unchangeable and everlasting fountain of life, perfection, and happiness, we lift up our hearts unto thee, the greatest, wisest, and best of beings. From the contemplation of thy works, may we daily increase in the knowledge of thee; attain to more pure and worthy conceptions of thy nature and providence; and ever manifest a becoming reverence for thy perfections, and a just concern for thy honour and service. Under a deep sense of thy Almighty power, we would avoid thy displeasure, as the worst of evils. From a full persuasion, that thou art wise in counsel, faithful in thy promises, and righteous in all thy ways, we repose an unreserved confidence in all the measures of thy providence: as a Being perfectly good, we would love thee with all our hearts, and rejoice in thy universal government. Above all, we desire to yield a cheerful obedience to thy com-

mandments ; and by the persevering love and practice of righteousness in this transitory life, we humbly pray that we may at length be prepared for thy glorious worship, in that which is future and eternal. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, may these lands of our nativity continue in the enjoyment of the mercies which thou hast so long vouchsafed unto them. Bless our Queen with the spirit of wisdom and holiness. Aid her with upright and intelligent counsellors. May her rule be founded in justice and exercised in mercy ; that under her we may live in all quietness and integrity, a people whose God is the Lord. Bless her Consort and her offspring, and all the members of the Royal family. May her household be filled with that peace which cometh from thee alone. May our Nobles and great men adorn, by a virtuous example, the elevated stations which they fill. May our Senators pursue with a single eye and an honest purpose, the true interest and happiness of every class within the realm. May our Judges and Magistrates be firm and resolute

to uphold the right and punish the wrong. May all who minister in spiritual things, of every persuasion, be animated with courage and holiness, with patience and humility, with prudence and zeal ; that they may faithfully declare and enforce thy will, and by a pure life and a gentle spirit and wise instruction, may so reclaim men from the power of evil, that at the last day, the souls which they have saved may be their glory and crown of rejoicing. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of thy universal Church is governed and sanctified, receive our earnest supplications on behalf of all our fellow-Christians ; that they may, through thy grace, be so led into the knowledge of all saving truth, and in their vocation here on earth may so truly serve thee in purity of heart and righteousness of life, as finally to obtain acceptance with thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ : and, O most merciful God, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, but desirest that all should be converted and live ; have mercy, we beseech thee, upon all heathens and un-

believers ; take from them all blindness of understanding and hardness of heart and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, from their unhappy wanderings, and gather them into thy flock, that they may finally be saved among the children of the kingdom ; and thus all men over all the earth may be made one fold, under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

O THOU hearer of prayer, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully accept the supplications and thanksgivings, which we have now offered before thee, and grant that in all things henceforth, thy holy Spirit may direct and rule our hearts, as the disciples of thy Son : Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is

the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the fellowship of
the holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

FIFTH SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name, give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake. *Psalm cxv. 1.*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him ; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. *Daniel, ix. 9, 10.*

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you ; for every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. *Matthew, vii. 7, 8.*

Minister.

HEAR, all ye people ; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world : the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The heavens and the earth praise him ; the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. Sing unto the Lord, and give thanks at the remembrance of his goodness ; trust in him at all times, ye people ; pour out your hearts before him : God is a refuge for us.

People. Truly our souls wait upon God ; from him cometh our salvation.

Introductory Prayer.

MOST great and glorious Lord our God, the universe in every part declares thy existence, and speaks thy praise ; and we, inhabitants of this lower world, would now offer up unto thee our united homage, encouraged by thine impartial goodness, and thy gracious promises in the gospel of thy Son. May we worship thee, the Lord our Maker, Preserver, and Benefactor, with fear, gratitude, and love ; celebrate thy praises with understanding and devotion ; and hear the instructions of thy word, with reverence

and humility : that by all the means of grace we may grow wiser and better ; may attain that peace of mind which is the peculiar portion of thy servants here ; and at last become partakers of that happiness, which eye hath not seen, which ear hath not heard, and which it hath not entered the heart of man to conceive.

• These our petitions we present unto thee, in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall be recited the following Hymn of Praise, by the Minister and People alternately, all standing.*

Minister.

WE praise thee, O God ; we acknowledge and adore thee, as the one, true, and living God ; who art eternal, independent, and unchangeable ; the greatest, wisest, and best of Beings ; the confidence and joy of every virtuous creature, to whom thou hast made thyself known.

Thou hast made heaven, and the heaven of heavens, with all their hosts ; the earth, and all things that are therein. We worship thee more especially as the Creator of man.

Thy hands have made and fashioned us ; thou hast breathed into us the breath of life ; and by thine inspiration hast given us understanding.

People. O Lord, how manifold are thy works ! in wisdom hast thou made them all.

Minister. Thou preservest all nature in existence ; thou disposest all things by counsels which cannot err ; thou maintainest the beauty and order of thy works. All creatures are subject to thy direction, and thou assignest them their proper station and duty.

People. They continue to this day according to thine ordinances ; for all are thy servants.

Minister. O thou most high God, thy government is righteous ; thy providence is perfect ; and all thy commandments are holy, just, and good. The obedience of all reasonable creatures is due to thee alone, the King of kings, the Judge of all.

People. We bow before thee, thy willing subjects ; thy commandments are true, and righteous altogether.

Minister. O Lord, we revere thine almighty power, thy unerring wisdom, and thy perfect holiness ; but in a more especial

manner would acknowledge, with unfeigned love and cheerful trust, thine infinite and everlasting goodness. Thou art the fountain of happiness, and thou diffusest blessings through the whole creation. The heavens declare thy glory; the earth is full of thy goodness; the day is thine; the night also is thine; and thou makest the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou alone art worthy to receive glory, honour, and praise, from all thy creatures.

People. There is none good but one; and that is God.

Minister. O God, our Creator, Sovereign, and Benefactor, while we rejoice in the being we have received from thee, and yield a willing submission to all the orders of thy government; we address thee as our heavenly Father, who hast made us to bear thine image, and hast offered us the privileges of thy children. Thou knowest our frame; thou rememberest that we are dust; thou hast encouraged us to cast our burdens upon thee; and no good thing wilt thou withhold from them that walk uprightly.

People. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

Minister. Praise the Lord, ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Praise ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. Praise the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

People. Praise the Lord, O my soul. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; and after that, the service shall proceed with the following Thanksgiving, the Congregation rising up.*

Minister. Let us offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Thanksgiving.

EVER gracious and most merciful Father, we render unto thee our sincere thanks, for the manifold blessings we have continually received, and still receive, from thy hands; and we desire to recollect them with lively sentiments of gratitude, and with hearty purposes to act agreeably to them.

Thou hast exercised a wise and gracious care over us, from the beginning of that life which thy goodness at first bestowed: by

thee are all our wants supplied ; from thee all our enjoyments proceed ; and thou crownest our days with loving-kindness and tender mercies. We bless thee for the food which supports us ; the refreshment of our wearied powers ; our raiment, our habitations, and all the fruits of our labour. We thank thee for the gift of reason, and the treasures of knowledge thou hast opened to our view ; that thou hast formed us for the practice of religion ; that thou hast given us so many opportunities for the devout cultivation of our minds, and the attainment of our true happiness ; that we are endued with social affections, are placed in a social state, and enjoy such a variety of pleasures from the esteem and friendship of our brethren. To thy goodness we ascribe all the present consolations and joys of sincere though defective holiness ; the trials thou hast appointed for the improvement of our nature here ; and the clear prospect of a more perfect state hereafter.

People. We give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister. We bless thee, O Lord, for the various dispensations of thy providence in

G

favour of religion and the happiness of mankind, in the several ages of the world. Above all, we thank thee for the display of the exceeding riches of thy grace in Christ Jesus ; whom thou hast sent to declare unto us thy will ; to suffer and die, that he might redeem us from iniquity ; to lead us, by his heavenly instructions and excellent example, to the love and practice of universal goodness ; to assure us of pardon and acceptance, upon repentance and newness of life ; to lay open before us the solemnities of a future judgment ; and confirm unto us the joyful hope of glory, honour, and immortality.

People. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Minister. We thank thee, heavenly Father, that notwithstanding our holy religion was corrupted, and its divine light darkened, we now possess so many advantages for knowing the truth as it is in Jesus, and enjoy our Christian privileges in peace ; none being permitted to rise up and make us afraid.

People. Blessed be the Lord our God, for he is good ; for his mercy endureth for ever.
Amen.

¶ *Here shall be chanted, or recited alternately, a Psalm from the Appendix.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament ; and after that, the following prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

Minister. Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we confess that in many things we have all sinned against thee. We have departed from the holy commandment delivered unto us ; we have been unmindful of the divine instructions we have received, the great example set before us, and the precious promises to which we are called. Our only hope is in thy mercy ; on thy mercy thou hast encouraged us to hope. Thou art not willing that any should perish, but that all should repent and live. Suffer us not, O Lord, to continue in our transgressions, but save us from the dominion of them. Assist us, we beseech thee, in the future course of our lives, to act agreeably to the profession we make, and the desires we now express before thee. Give us such a deep persuasion of the evil of sin, and the

importance of a holy life, that we may carefully abstain from all iniquity, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ to thy praise and glory. Vouchsafe unto us the light of thy countenance; and establish our minds with a sense of thy approbation and the hope of thy favour, unto eternal life.

People. Lord have mercy upon us; and incline our hearts to keep thy law.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, to the direction of thy providence we entirely commit ourselves. Safe under thy protection, and happy in thy favour, we would cheerfully follow where thou pleasest to conduct us. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from the snares of prosperity and adversity. Suffer us not to forget thee in our abundance, or to question thy faithfulness in our distress. In health and in sickness, in life and in death, may we lift up our souls unto thee, evermore rejoicing in thine eternal goodness, and always thankful for the blessings we receive; and may we so pass through the changing scenes of this present world, that we may finally become partakers of that everlasting happiness, which thou hast

promised to thy faithful servants by Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayer.

TO thee, O God, our righteous Governor, we commend our native country. Bless our Sovereign, Queen VICTORIA. Endue her with a wise and understanding heart. Prosper her just undertakings; and so keep her in thy faith and obedience, that when she shall no more wear an earthly diadem, she may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not. May the Prince Consort and all the Royal family be faithful in discharging the duties of their high stations, and rejoice in thy favour here and for ever.

[* We beseech thee to bless the high Court of Parliament. May its members be men fearing thee and hating covetousness. Lead them wisely to discern and steadily to pursue the true honour and happiness of these kingdoms.]

May the Judges and all Magistrates dispense justice with impartiality, and exert their influence to promote righteousness.

May all the ministers of religion recom-

* To be used when Parliament is sitting.

mend thy truth in their public services ; adorn it in their lives ; and be directed by conscience in the way of righteousness to the highest influence of their holy vocation. Father of mercies, bless all men over all the world, under every religious dispensation. Enlighten them by thy spirit and instruct them by thy providences, that they may at length be prepared to receive the truth as it is in Jesus. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

O GOD, the author of all good, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly offer to thy gracious acceptance these our praises and prayers in his name. We rejoice that thou hast exalted him to thy right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour ; and hast promised by him to bestow immortal life on all thy faithful servants. We desire to become his disciples in deed and in truth ; and in his words we conclude our present requests : Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that

trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Benediction.

NOW unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever. *Amen.*

SIXTH SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

AND this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. *1 John*, v. 14.

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy, I dwell in the high and holy place; with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. *Isaiah*, lvii. 15.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. *Lamentations*, iii. 40, 41.

Exhortation.

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with all mankind, and desire to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; draw nigh with your hearts unto the throne of heavenly grace, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

¶ *General Confession; the People standing or kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, in thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent; we are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. The remembrance of them is grievous unto us. The burden of them is too heavy for us. Have mercy upon us, O most gracious Father: for thy mercies' sake in Jesus Christ our Lord, forgive us all that is past: and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and

please thee, in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister shall offer up this Prayer.*

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto thee; have mercy, we beseech thee, upon us thy children; pardon, and deliver us from, all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

HEAR what gracious words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him :

“Come unto me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”
Matthew, xi. 28.

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” *John*, iii. 16.

Hear also what Paul saith :

“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” 1 *Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what John saith :

“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God.” 1 *John*, iii. 1.

Hear finally what James saith :

“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this ; to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.” *James*, i. 27.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

People. We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People. It is meet and right so to do.

¶ *Then shall be recited the following Doxology, or Hymn of Praise.*

GLORY be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we give thanks unto thee, for thy great goodness, O Lord God, heavenly King, the Father Almighty.

We bless thee for sending thy beloved Son Jesus Christ into the world, to save sinners, and to bring men everywhere unto thee, their Father ; for exalting him unto thy right hand in heaven ; for all the gifts of thy holy Spirit ; and for the hope of everlasting life.

For thou only art wise, and holy, and good ; thou only art the Lord ; thou only dost govern all things both in heaven and on earth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Minister. Praise ye the Lord.

People. The Lord's name be praised. *Amen.*

¶ *To be recited by the Minister and People alternately.*

PSALM XCVI.

Minister.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

People. Sing unto the Lord ; bless his name ; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Minister. Declare his glory among the heathen ; his wonders among all people.

People. For the Lord is great, and greatly

to be praised : he is to be feared above all gods.

Minister. For all the gods of the nations are idols : but the Lord made the heavens.

People. Honour and majesty are before him : strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Minister. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people ; give unto the Lord glory and strength.

People. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name : bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Minister. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : fear before him, all the earth.

People. Say among the heathen, that the Lord reigneth : the world also shall be established, that it shall not be moved : he shall judge the people righteously.

Minister. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad ; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

People. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

Minister. For he cometh, for he cometh, to judge the earth : he shall judge the world

H

with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

People. Amen.

¶ *Here shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament ; and after that, a Psalm from the Appendix shall be chanted, or recited in manner aforesaid.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament ; and after that, the following Prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

GO before us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help ; that in

all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest our frame, and rememberest that we are dust, keep us by thy grace both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we, being defended from all evil accidents and all unholy thoughts, may evermore serve thee in tranquillity and joyfulness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HALLOWED Being, incomprehensible, unsearchable, to the eye invisible, by the ear unheard, but of whom the powers of thought and reason do secretly testify in our souls; O God, we acknowledge thee with mysterious wonder and solemn awe. Thou art the deep life, that liveth and moveth in every thing around us and within us. Thou art the Spirit that quickeneth the universe, and the Intelligence that guideth all nature. Thou art the eternal Fountain of existence, from which all the streams of created being have flowed, and do flow, continually. The laws of nature are thy will; and all changes

H 2

and effects are of thine operation. To thee nothing is unknown ; and without thee nothing is done. In one glorious and harmonious system, in duration as in extension infinite, thou bindest together all that is ; making all things work together for the fulfilment of thy designs. Thou art good even as thou art great. Thy ways declare that the tendency of thy providence is the universal happiness of thy creatures, and that justice and mercy are the everlasting foundations of thy throne. May all thy rational offspring acknowledge and adore thy divine majesty and goodness. May the whole universe become thy hallowed temple ; and may the incense of grateful and solemn worship ascend unto thee continually from the altar of all hearts, in worlds without number, and through ages without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ hast opened to us the gate of everlasting life ; we humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy divine grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; and grant, we beseech thee, that

like as we do believe our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who evermore liveth and reigneth with thee, the one only God, world without end. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, bless our native land.

Have mercy on thy servant, VICTORIA our Queen. Protect her person; illuminate her understanding; and sanctify her heart; that above all things, she may seek thy glory, as appointed by thee for the terror of evil-doers and the praise of them that do well, and that under her we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty.

Have mercy on all the Royal family, the lords of the Council, and the members of both Houses of Parliament; upon the Judges and other magistrates of this realm. Fill them with a solemn fear of thee, that they may be examples of piety and temperance, haters of injustice, covetousness and pride, maintainers of the right and defenders of innocence. Give to all churches, able, holy and faithful pastors, that they may soundly

and diligently preach thy word, and guide their flocks in the ways of uprightness and peace: and may the people know those that are over them in the Lord, and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Direct and help by thy holy Spirit, all them that seek diligently for the truth, and whose hearts are fully set to bear and do thy righteous will. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ACCCEPT, O merciful Lord, the praises and prayers which thy servants have now presented unto thee; and guide their feet into the paths of heavenly pleasantness and peace; that so, among all the changes and uncertainties of this mortal life, we may evermore have rest and assurance in thee, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

SEVENTH SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

WHEREWITH shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before the high God? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? *Micah*, vi. 6, 8.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. 1 *John*, ii. 15, 17.

Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright, will I shew the salvation of God. *Psalms* l. 23.

Minister.

GIVE unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God, and we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; by prayer and supplication let us make our requests known unto him. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

People. It is good for us to draw nigh unto God; it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

Introductory Prayer.

O THOU, who hearest prayer, who searchest the heart, and who must be worshiped in spirit and in truth; may we now enter upon the solemnities of devotion with just views of thy perfections, and the end of religious homage; may we contemplate and adore the glories of thy nature with profound veneration and sacred joy; may we present our thanksgivings with lively grati-

tude ; may we confess our sins with contrite spirits ; may we supplicate thy pardon, with unfeigned charity to all mankind, and holy purposes of amendment ; may we hear thy word, with understanding and obedient hearts ; and implore thy future blessing, under a just sense of our dependence on thy providence, with steadfast reliance on thy wisdom and goodness, a cheerful resignation to thy will, and a supreme desire of thy favour as our greatest good for time and eternity.

We offer up our praises and prayers, as the disciples of Jesus Christ, thy well-beloved Son ; by whom the whole family on earth may come, with confidence, unto thee the Father of all, to obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

People. May the words of our mouths, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the following Hymn be recited, by the Minister and People alternately, all standing.*

Minister.

O LORD our God, we acknowledge and adore thee as the one, living, and true God, the Creator of all things visible and invisible; there is none besides thee.

People. Unto us there is but one God, to whom be glory for ever.

Minister. Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, without beginning of days, or end of years; thou livest and reignest for ever and ever.

People. We magnify thee, the high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity.

Minister. Thou dwellest in light inaccessible and full of glory, whom no man hath seen or can see.

People. Thou passest by us, but we behold thee not; thou workest on the right hand and on the left, but we cannot perceive thee.

Minister. Whither shall we go from thy spirit; or whither can we flee from thy presence? Thou compassest our path and our lying down; thou fillest heaven and earth.

People. In thee we live, and move, and have our being.

Minister. Thine is the greatness, and the

power, and the glory, and the majesty; all things in heaven and earth are thine; and thou art Lord over all.

People. Thou art great, and greatly to be feared; thy greatness is unsearchable.

Minister. O Lord, thou knowest all things; thou seest the end from the beginning; thou art wise in heart, wonderful in counsel, and excellent in all thy works.

People. To the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever.

Minister. Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name, for thou art holy! Thou art of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity, but thy countenance beholdeth the upright.

People. Holy and reverend is thy name.

Minister. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy truth reacheth to the heavens; justice and judgment are the everlasting foundation of thy throne.

People. Just and true are all thy ways, O King of saints.

Minister. Thou art good and thou doest good continually. All creatures wait upon thee; thou openest thine hand; and they are filled with good. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that

fear him ; and thou causest thy sun to shine, and thy rain to fall, upon the evil and unthankful. The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

People. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above ; and cometh down from the Father of lights.

Minister. While we live will we praise thee, O Lord ; we will sing praises unto our God, while we have any being ; we will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works ; we will abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and sing of thy righteousness. But who by searching can find out God ! who can find out the Almighty to perfection ! Of thee, through thee, and to thee, are all things ; with thee there is no variableness nor shadow of turning ; thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

People. Amen.

¶ *Here shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament ; and after that, the following Thanksgiving shall be recited by the Minister and People, all standing.*

Minister. Let us offer up unto God the sacrifice of praise, giving thanks unto his name.

THANKSGIVING.

Minister.

WITH gratitude and joy would we ever acknowledge thee, O God, as our gracious Creator and constant Benefactor. We adore thy perfect benevolence as displayed in our existence itself, in the formation of our bodies, and in the constitution of our minds. Thou hast created us in thine own image, and made us capable of an everlasting improvement in the knowledge, love, and resemblance of thee: thou hast crowned us with glory and honour.

People. We bless the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister. Thy mercy hath followed us all our days. Thou holdest our souls in life; thou feedest us with food convenient for us; and our cup runneth over.

People. Blessed be the God of our salvation, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

Minister. With our whole hearts would we thank thee, O Lord, that to the gift of

life, the powers of our nature, and our numberless temporal mercies, thou hast added the clear discovery of thy being and perfections, of the relation we sustain to thee, of thy will concerning us, of the great principles of thy government, and of a future everlasting state of impartial recompense.

We render thee our grateful thanks for the former dispensations of thy grace by thy servants the Prophets, but more especially for the mission of thy well-beloved Son. We rejoice in him as the way, the truth, and the life; and we bless thee for all the benefits we derive from the glad tidings he published, the excellence of his doctrine, the holiness of his character, the sufferings he endured, the death to which he gave himself up, his resurrection from the dead, and his exaltation to thy right hand.

People. Blessed, for ever blessed, be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Minister. How precious are thy thoughts unto us, O God; how great is the sum of them! The blessings we receive immediately from thy hand; the benefits which result from the exercise of our various

powers; the advantages and pleasures we derive from the several relations we bear to our fellow-creatures, and the kind offices of brotherly love; every good we now enjoy, and every hope of future good, are alike the gifts of thy paternal bounty. Our help cometh from thee alone, and to thy great name be the glory and the praise for ever.

People. Amen.

¶ *Here a Psalm from the Appendix shall be chanted or recited.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; and after that, the following Prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

Minister. Let us pray.

O THOU, who art supremely great and good, lead us to a wise improvement of the advantages we enjoy for acquiring the knowledge of thee, from the works of nature, the ways of thy providence, and the instructions of thy word. As far as our limited capacities will admit, may we see thee as thou art, all excellence in thyself, and all goodness to thy creatures. Grant

I 2

that we may henceforth be ever mindful of thy continual presence ; and that reverence, gratitude, trust, submission, a concern to resemble thee as obedient children, and to obtain thy paternal favour, may become perpetual and ruling principles within us.
Amen.

ASSIST us, Heavenly Father, we do beseech thee, in the government of ourselves. Lead us to cultivate a more lively faith in Jesus, as thy Son, in the doctrine which he taught, and in the great end of his divine mission. Grant that to this faith we may add fortitude in resisting every temptation, whether arising from prosperity or adversity, from evil example, or from the corrupt habits of our own minds ; and that to fortitude we may add temperance, steadily and cheerfully sacrificing every unlawful gratification to our duty and to our eternal happiness. Sincerely desirous to use the world as not abusing it, and seeking in the first place the kingdom of God and the righteousness thereof, we humbly pray that thou wouldst add every needful good unto us. Feed us with food convenient for us. Grant us health of body and

cheerfulness of mind, if consistent with our everlasting welfare ; but above all, that peace of God which passeth all understanding, which the world can neither give nor take away. *Amen.*

O THOU eternal source of good, lift up the light of thy countenance upon us, while we continue upon earth ; support us when we go down to the house appointed for all the living ; and, when he who is our life shall appear, may we also appear with him in glory.

People. The Lord grant that we may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

Intercessory Prayer.

MOST gracious God, look down with mercy, we pray thee, on the kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and all the dominions thereunto belonging. Preserve us from all calamities ; bless us with healthful times and fruitful seasons ; may our present mercies be well improved and long continued, and the privileges by which thy favour hath distinguished us, be handed

down inviolate to our children and our children's children.

Send down thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, on our Queen. May we evermore have reason to rejoice in her, as the minister of thy providence for good ; and after a prosperous and happy rule in this world, may she at length be rewarded in thy heavenly and everlasting kingdom.

We entreat thee to visit with thy favour the Prince Consort and all the Royal family. Grant them wisdom, virtue and happiness in this world, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

May it please thee, O God, to bless the Queen's Counsellors, our Senators, and all the Judges and Magistrates of this land, with integrity and wisdom. May they faithfully discharge the duties of their elevated stations : and do thou direct and prosper all their consultations and decisions to the advancement of thy glory, and to the safety, honour and welfare of these kingdoms.

O God, the Father of lights, endue the Ministers of the Gospel of every denomination with the spirit of Jesus Christ. May they diligently pursue the good work of

instructing the ignorant, reforming the vicious, and improving the just; and by the holiness of their lives and the excellence of their doctrine, may they save themselves, and those who hear them.

Great God, we implore thy blessing on the whole human race. Illuminate and comfort by thy holy Spirit, all that seek after truth and righteousness under every religious dispensation, that all the kingdoms of the earth may come finally to the knowledge of thee, the only true God, and of Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, accept, we beseech thee, the praises and prayers we have now presented unto thee, and do for us abundantly above all we can ask or think, for the sake of that perfect goodness, which is essential to thy nature; which is the foundation of all our hopes; which is the everlasting principle of thy government; and which was eminently displayed in the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour;

through whom unto thee, O Father, be all might, majesty, and dominion, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

EIGHTH SERVICE.

¶ *The People standing.*

SE EK ye the Lord, while he may be found ; call ye upon him, while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts ; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him ; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah*, lv. 6, 7.

Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion ; and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. *Psalms* lxxv. 1, 2.

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands ; neither is worshiped with men's hands as though he needed anything ;

seeing he giveth to all life and breath and all things. For in him we live and move and have our being. *Acts*, xvii. 24, 25, 28.

DEARLY beloved brethren, we are here met together in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ, for the worship of Almighty God our heavenly Father. It is our duty, with sincere and humble hearts, to praise and glorify his holy name ; to give thanks for all his mercies ; to hearken to his divine commandments ; and to pray for such things as are needful to us and to all men. And in so drawing nigh to God, we must bear in mind our true state and condition before him ; that we are not only his dependent creatures, but that through folly, weakness, and perversity, we have transgressed his holy will. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us ; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us therefore now, with lowly and contrite spirits, confess and lament before him the manifold sins and infirmities of our lives.

¶ *General Confession ; the People standing or kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we confess that in many things we have all sinned against thee ; we have not walked before thee in simplicity and godly sincerity, as thy children, and as the disciples of our blessed Saviour ; we have not improved the talents entrusted to us ; we have forgotten our duty to thee, our fellow-creatures, and ourselves ; and our consciences do witness against us. With humble and penitent hearts, we do lament before thee, O heavenly Father, every instance of disobedience,—all that we have done amiss in thought or word or deed. Forgive our sins, we beseech thee ; cleanse us from all unrighteousness ; grant that we may bring forth fruits meet for repentance, in newness of heart and life ; humbly relying on thy mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom thou art reconciling the world unto thyself, not imputing their trespasses to them that are truly penitent.

People. O God, make clean our hearts within us, and take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Minister. Let us pray.

O MOST merciful God, who in the abundance of thy goodness dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more ; open thine eye of mercy upon us thy servants, who in all lowliness of heart implore pardon and forgiveness from thee. Renew, most gracious Father, whatsoever hath been decayed or corrupted within us by the power of outward ill, or through inward frailty and perverseness. Preserve and continue us in the holy purposes we now form, and in unity of spirit with the true members of thy universal church throughout the earth. Consider our contrition ; accept our tears ; and, when the ends of thy providence have been accomplished, assuage the tribulation and anguish wherewith every guilty conscience is afflicted. And forasmuch as we put our only trust in thy fatherly mercy, remember not against us our former sins, but so strengthen us by the might of thy blessed Spirit in the inner man, that the rest of our days on earth may be spent in thy fear and service, as the disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, the protector of all that put their trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us thy mercy ; that thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O THOU, who art love, and who dwellest in love, so fill our hearts with thy divine spirit, that in all things it may be our continual endeavour to imitate thy unfailing and universal goodness. Grant that in all the relations of life we may shew forth the power of righteousness and piety and brotherly love ; walking before our households with pure and perfect hearts ; faithful and affectionate to our kindred and friends ; just and charitable to all men. May we put on the ornament of a meek, quiet, and gentle spirit, and so cultivate every kind and good and generous disposition within our breasts, that we may be daily acquiring an increasing fitness for that happy kingdom, where peace and love and joy reign for evermore. *Amen.*

R

ALMIGHTY God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we commend ourselves and all our concerns to the disposal of thy gracious providence. Thou alone knowest what is truly good for us; and it is our highest happiness, that we are under thy fatherly protection and care. In humble submission to thy wise and gracious will, we beseech thee to continue unto us the use of our rational powers; to bless us with health of body and peace of mind; and to bestow upon us such a share of the good things of this life, as thou knowest to be most conducive to our eternal well-being. Conduct us by thy fatherly hand through all the changes of this uncertain world, and grant that we may finally attain to perfection and bliss in that heavenly inheritance which is incorruptible and fadeth not away. *Amen.*

¶ *Here shall be read the First Lesson, taken out of the Old Testament; and after that, a Psalm from the Appendix shall be chanted, or recited alternately by Minister and People.*

¶ *Then shall follow the Second Lesson, taken out of the New Testament; and after that, the following prayers to the end, the People standing or kneeling.*

O ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant us so perfectly and without all doubt to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, as the way, the truth, and the life, that we, following his footsteps, may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to thy heavenly and eternal rest. *Amen.*

O MOST gracious and eternal God, thou who helpest the helpless and comfortest the comfortless, the Hope of the afflicted, and the Saviour of all them that wait upon thee; we bless and glorify thy name; we adore thy goodness; we delight in thy love. Thou hast afforded us an opportunity this day of offering up our united adorations and thanksgivings unto thee, and of expressing our deep and filial trust in the unchangeableness of thy fatherly mercy. Take from our hearts all fondness for vanity and sin. Let not our affections dwell below, but soar upwards to the element of love, and the throne of thy glory, and the inheritance of the just made perfect; that our hearts may be purified from all earthly defilement, and have no stronger love than the love of thee and the blessed Jesus.

People. Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ETERNAL God, in whom the spirits of just men do rest in peace from their labours, we thank thee for the memories and examples of those who have departed this life in thy fear and love, and whose works do follow them beyond the grave. We would evermore hold in solemn and affectionate remembrance all those who have faithfully served thee and thy truth in their day and generation, and whom, having led them victoriously through all the troubles, adversities, and snares of this transitory life, thou hast now called unto thyself, and made partakers of everlasting felicity. Blessed be thy mercy and eternal goodness, O God ; and blessed be the memory of all thy saints in our hearts. Teach us, who now dwell upon earth, to practise their doctrine ; to imitate their lives ; and to follow their example, as they have followed Christ and thee : and unite us with them in the bond of the same faith, and a holy hope, and an

unfailing charity. May it please thee to incline our hearts to desire those good things whereunto they have attained ; and so hasten the coming of thy heavenly kingdom, that we, with all thy true and faithful servants of every kindred, tongue, and nation, may have our perfect and eternal bliss in unceasing communion with thee and with our Saviour Jesus.

People. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him ; and all the upright in heart shall rejoice.

Intercessory Prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make supplications and to give thanks for all men ; we humbly beseech thee to accept these our prayers and intercessions. Inspire continually thy universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord ; and grant that all who confess the name of Christ may discern the saving truths of thy holy word, and live together in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee so to dispose and rule

the hearts of all kings, princes and governors, that they may walk in thy holy fear, and study to preserve the people committed to their charge, in peace and godliness. Bless thy servant VICTORIA our Queen, and every member of the Royal House; that, protected by thy power, and guided by thy holy Spirit, they may lead godly lives on earth, and after death obtain everlasting glory. Grant unto the Queen's Council, unto the Senators, Judges, and Magistrates of this realm, and unto all that are put in authority, wisdom to perceive and firmness to execute what is just.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all the Ministers of thy holy Gospel, that they may by their life and their doctrine set forth thy true and living word. Pour upon all thy people the continual dew of thy blessing; and grant more especially unto this congregation here present—that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Defend us, O Lord, against the snares of prosperity; and, in thy great mercy, comfort

and succour all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Grant to those who are in error, the light of thy truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Preserve those who call themselves Christ's disciples, in thy faith and fear; and give us all grace so to obey the precepts of his holy Gospel, that we may at length be partakers of his heavenly kingdom. In these our requests, hear us and accept us, O most gracious God, for thy mercies' sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding Prayer.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy great mercy hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee, increase this knowledge and confirm this faith in us evermore; that, by the aid of thy holy Spirit, we may be enabled to subdue all our evil and corrupt affections, and to grow in all virtue and godliness, until we come to that everlasting kingdom which thou hast promised to all them that love and serve thee by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, henceforth and for evermore. *Amen.*

FORM OF SOLEMNIZATION

OF

MATRIMONY.

¶ *When the persons to be married and their friends are assembled, together with the Registrar of Marriages legally appointed to that office, the Minister shall say :*

MY Christian friends, we are assembled here before Almighty God and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; a social relation instituted of God ; adorned and sanctioned by Christ's presence and benediction ; and set forth and commended in the Christian Scriptures, as innocent and honourable to all who engage in it discreetly,

advisedly, soberly, with purity of heart, and in the fear of God.

¶ *Then speaking to the persons that are about to be married, the Man standing on the right hand, and the Woman on the left, the Minister shall say :*

MY Christian brother and sister, I require and charge you both, as ye will answer it at the awful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it.

¶ *If no impediment be confessed, then shall the Minister call upon the Man to make the following declaration, required by Law :*

“ I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, *M.* may not be joined in matrimony to *N.*”

¶ *Then shall the Minister say to the Man :*

WILT thou then have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her,

honour and keep her in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live ?

¶ *The Man shall answer :*

“ I will.”

¶ *In like manner, the Minister shall call upon the Woman to make the foregoing declaration required by Law ; and shall afterwards say to her :*

WILT thou then have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony ? Wilt thou serve him, love, honour, and keep him in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live ?

¶ *The Woman shall answer :*

“ I will.”

¶ *The Minister shall then ask, “ Who giveth this Woman to be married to this Man ? ” and, receiving her at her father's or friend's hand, shall cause the Man with his right hand to take the Woman by her right hand, and to say to her, as prescribed by Law ;*

“ I call upon these persons here present to witness, that I, *M.* do take thee, *N.* to be my lawful wedded wife.”

¶ *The Woman then, in like manner, with her right hand, shall take the Man by his right hand, and shall say to him, as prescribed by Law :*

“ I call upon these persons here present to witness that I, *N.* do take thee, *M.* to be my lawful wedded husband.”

¶ *Then the Man shall present a ring, and the Minister, taking the ring, shall deliver it to the Man, to put it upon the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand. This being done, and the married persons again joining hands, the Minister shall say to them :*

By this token, the ancient and accepted symbol of conjugal love, you, *M.* and *N.* do declare yourselves wedded to one another, as husband and wife, according to God's holy ordinance and the laws of this land : and you now solemnly engage and pledge yourselves, each to the other, to live together in this holy bond ; taking each other, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death you do part.

¶ *The Husband and Wife shall severally answer :*

“ We do.”

¶ *Then shall the Minister say :*

FORASMUCH as these, our brother and sister, have thus engaged and pledged themselves, each to the other, before God and this company, I pronounce them henceforth husband and wife.

¶ *Hereupon the Minister shall deliver the following Benediction.*

MAY Almighty God, the Father of families, and the Giver of all heavenly grace, send down his blessing on these his servants, this man and this woman ; that they may steadfastly perform and keep the vow and covenant now betwixt them made, and may henceforth dwell together in perfect peace and love. *Amen.*

¶ *Here the Marriage may be registered as the Law directs ; unless the registry can be deferred to the conclusion of the service, which, when it can be done conveniently, is to be desired.*

¶ *The Minister shall then deliver to the persons married, either the following Exhortation, or any other which he may have prepared for the occasion :*

L

MY Christian brother and sister, it will become you to consider seriously the sacred and important engagement into which you have now entered. Marriage was appointed by the benevolent Parent of mankind, to be a source of the purest satisfactions; to soften the unavoidable cares, and increase the innocent pleasures of life, by affording the opportunity of sharing them with a most intimate friend and partner. As Christians, you must look upon it as a state of perfect, indissoluble friendship, in which you are to carry your regards for each other beyond the grave, that you may so live together in virtue and holiness here on earth, as to attain hereafter unto a better and purer life in heaven. Cultivate in yourselves and in each other the knowledge and practice of Christ's holy religion; and under its influence study to control and subdue whatever tends in your respective tempers and dispositions to disturb your mutual love and peace, and to hinder your progress in the Christian life. Remember that none are faultless, but that all must endeavour to become such. Be not extravagant in your expectations from the present world; for though it be filled

with many innocent pleasures and joys, it is not, nor is intended to be, a place of unmixed prosperity and enjoyment, but a transitory scene of discipline and preparation for a more perfect and enduring state.

Take heed to set an example of piety and virtue in your domestic life. Let the God of heaven be habitually acknowledged and worshiped in your families. Keep a strict watch over all that depend upon you; and suffer no vice to go unreprieved, or to remain in your house persisted in and unamended. By this domestic care and godly discipline, you will become a blessing to your family, your neighbourhood, and your country; and under God's good providence, will train up yourselves, your children, and your servants, for that holy and heavenly state, *where there will be neither marrying nor giving in marriage, and where all who are accounted worthy to enter therein, shall not die any more, but shall be equal unto the angels, and be the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.* Luke, xx. 34, 35, 36.

¶ *The Minister shall then conclude the service with a Prayer and Blessing.*

L 2

Let us pray.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, we bless thee for thy loving-kindness and tender mercy to the children of men, and rejoice that thou hast formed them for happiness, and invited them to delightful communion. We praise thee, that thou hast ordained the solemn and grateful relationships of human society; and in the Gospel of thy Son hast commanded the families of the earth to live together in constant peace and faith unfeigned. To thy merciful care and heavenly blessing we commend these thy servants, who in thy sight and with humble supplication of thy favour have at this time joined themselves together in holy matrimony. May thy good providence be to them a light and a shield, to guide and protect them through the whole of their earthly pilgrimage. Pour out upon them the abundance of thy grace, that in every vicissitude they may be comforters of one another's sorrow, and helpers of one another's joy; discharging with good conscience the varied and increasing duties which thou, who gatherest mankind into families, shalt see fit to impose upon them; and encouraging

one another in whatsoever things are just, and pure, and true, lovely and of good report: that so, walking before thee with perfect hearts united in thy faith and fear, they may be ready for that solemn period, when all the connexions of time shall be dissolved, and all that is of this world shall pass away; and may be pronounced, through thine abundant mercy, heirs together of the grace of life, and joint partakers in the felicity and glory of heaven, promised to thy faithful servants through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

AND now may the blessing of God, the Father Almighty, be upon you all, and remain with you for evermore. *Amen.*

N.B. The following particulars must be attended to, for the due solemnizing of Marriages according to Law.

Marriages can be celebrated in such Dissenting Places of Worship only, as are expressly registered for this purpose.

They must be solemnized with open doors, between the hours of eight and twelve in the forenoon.

Each of the parties to be married must, in some part of the marriage ceremony, *in the presence of the Registrar of marriages for the district, who is to be in attendance, and of two or more credible witnesses*, make the following declaration :

“ I do solemnly declare, that I know not of any lawful impediment why I, *A B*, may not be joined in matrimony to *C D*.”

Each of the parties must also, in some part of the ceremony, and in the presence of the Registrar of marriages and of the witnesses, say to the other :

“ I call on these persons here present to witness, that I, *A B*, do take thee, *C D*, to be my lawful wedded wife (or husband).”

In other respects, the marriage may be solemnized according to such form and ceremony as the parties may see fit to adopt.

At the time of performing the ceremony, the parties will deliver to the Registrar of marriages, the Superintendent Registrar's licence for the marriage, or (if the marriage be not by licence) the Superintendent's certificate that the notice of marriage has been entered in the Marriage Notice-Book. If the parties to be married have resided in the districts of different Superintendent Registrars, then two certificates must have been procured before the marriage, which must *both* be delivered to the Registrar of marriages in attendance.

The Registrar of marriages will then register the marriage in a Marriage Register Book, and the entry will be signed by the Minister or other person (if any) performing the service, by the Registrar, and by the parties married, and attested by two witnesses.

The Minister should, as a matter of caution, inspect the licence or certificate, in order to ascertain that the Place of Worship is the place therein specified, and that the marriage is had within three calendar months after the entry of the notice of the marriage; and he should likewise satisfy himself of the identity of the parties.

The Registrar of marriages is entitled to a fee of ten shillings, if the marriage be by licence; otherwise, to a fee of five shillings.

FORM FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

¶ *The Minister, meeting the Corpse, as it is brought
into the Chapel, shall say :*

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith
the Lord : he that believeth in me, though
he were dead, yet shall he live :

And whosoever liveth and believeth in me
shall never die. *John*, xi. 25, 26.

We brought nothing into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out.
1 Tim. vi. 7.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken
away ; blessed be the name of the Lord.
Job, i. 21.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of
man as the flower of grass. The grass

withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: but the word of the Lord endureth for ever. 1 *Pet.* i. 24, 25.

¶ *Afterwards shall be read one of the following Psalms, viz. xxxiv., xxxix., xc., ciii., and after that one of the following portions of the New Testament, viz. John, xi. 1—46. John, xiv. 1 Cor. xv. 1 Thess. iv. v. 1—11.*

¶ *The Minister may here deliver a short Exhortation, and offer up a Prayer.*

¶ *When they come to the grave, the Minister shall say :*

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of trouble: he cometh up, and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life, we are in death: of whom may we seek for succour, but of thee, O Lord, in whom our souls do rest and hope?

¶ *While the earth is cast upon the body, the Minister shall say :*

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of our brother [sister] here departed,

we therefore commit his [her] body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust : in the sure expectation of a resurrection from the dead both of the just and the unjust, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name ; thy kingdom come ; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven ; give us this day our daily bread ; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life ; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall not die eternally ; who also hath taught us, by the holy apostle Paul, not to sorrow as men without hope for them that sleep in him : we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness ; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him ; and, at our

resurrection from the dead, may be found acceptable in thy sight, and receive the joyful sentence of our Lord, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Grant this, O heavenly Father, of thine infinite mercy and goodness. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

FORM FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM.

IT is written in the Gospel of Matthew, that our Lord Jesus Christ said to his apostles :
“Go ye, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
Matt. xxviii. 19.

It is also written in the Acts of the Apostles, that the disciples were baptised into the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts, xix. 5.

¶ *The Minister, addressing himself to the parents or friends of the child, shall say :*

Ye have brought this child here to be baptised : I ask, therefore, Will ye faithfully

and earnestly teach this child to shun every thing that is evil, and to resist all sinful inclinations, so that he [she] may not follow or be led by them?

Answer. I will.

Will you instruct him [her] in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I will.

Will you exhort him [her] to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of his [her] life?

Answer. I will.

¶ *Then the Minister shall take the child, and say to the parents :*

Name this child.

¶ *Then naming the child, and using the water, he shall say :*

I baptise thee into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Or the following Form may be used :

I baptise thee in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. *Acts, ii. 38 ; xix. 5.*

M

¶ *Here the Minister may deliver an Exhortation to the parents or friends ; and afterwards conclude the service with the following Prayer.*

Let us pray.

ALmighty and ever-blessed God, by whose providence the different generations of mankind are raised up to know thee, and to enjoy thy favour for ever ; grant that this child, now dedicated to thee as the disciple of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, may be endued with heavenly virtues, and partake hereafter of thy everlasting favour. For this end we entreat thy blessing upon these thy servants, who have now solemnly engaged themselves to instruct it in thy holy truth ; that they may be enabled to discharge their great trust with diligence and fidelity, and may have the comfort of beholding the fruits of their pious labours, in the virtuous improvement of those under their care. Finally, we give thee humble thanks, O heavenly Father, for all of us now assembled before thee, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace, and to faith in thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in us, evermore ; that

we may be enabled to subdue all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceed in all virtue and godliness of living, till we come to that eternal kingdom which thou hast promised by Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

N.B.—Should any persons prefer a simple act of Dedication to administering the rite of Baptism, the foregoing Form may still be used, by merely omitting the introductory sentences, substituting the word dedicate for the word baptise, and, in place of the baptismal formula, employing such a mode of dedicating the child to God through Christ, as the officiating Minister may deem proper.

FORM FOR THE
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER.

¶ *The Service to be introduced with a short Address from the Minister ; after which the following Scripture to be read.*

THE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread ; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat : this is my body which is broken for you : this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood : this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of

me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Cor. xi. 23—26.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer and die for us ; we desire to hold his surpassing love to mankind in perpetual remembrance : and while we gratefully and reverentially celebrate this memorial which he hath instituted of himself, may we so call to mind the manifold benefits and blessings we have received from him, that our hearts may be strengthened in faith and hope and love, and we may be acquiring an increasing fitness for that world where he hath gone to prepare a place for all his faithful followers. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Minister, breaking the bread, shall partake of it himself, and deliver it to the communicants ; using first these words :*

As a solemn testimony, in the presence of each other, and before God, of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us take and eat of this bread in remembrance of him.

*In like manner, on taking and delivering the cup,
the Minister shall say :*

As a solemn testimony, in the presence of each other, and before God, of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, let us take and drink of this cup in remembrance of him.

Prayer.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, we thy servants earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, humbly beseeching thee to grant that by faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and obedience to thy will, we may obtain the pardon of our sins and everlasting life.

Here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and our bodies, as a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. And although, through our manifold sins, we feel ourselves wholly unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, according to thine abundant mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord, through whom all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Here a Hymn shall be sung; and the Service then closed with the following Benediction :*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ, for evermore. *Amen.*

APPENDIX.

I.

Te Deum laudamus.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim : continually do cry ;

Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth ;
Heaven and earth are full : of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles :
praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets :
praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise
thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee,

The Father : of an infinite majesty, the
only God ;

And Christ our Lord : thy well-beloved
Son ;

Also the Holy Spirit : the Comforter.

We pray thee help thy servants : whom
thou hast redeemed from death.

Make them to be numbered with thy
Saints : in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine
heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy name : ever world
without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day
without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy
upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us :
as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted : let us never be confounded. *Amen.*

II.

PSALM I.

BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly ; nor standeth in the way of sinners : nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water : that bringeth forth his fruit in his season ;

His leaf also shall not wither : and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so : but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment : nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : but the way of the ungodly shall perish. *Amen.*

III.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth : who hast set thy glory above the heavens !

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained ;

What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him ?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels : and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands : thou hast put all things under his feet ;

All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field ;

The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea : and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Lord : how excellent is thy name in all the earth ! *Amen.*

IV.

PSALM IX.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee : I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed : a refuge in times of trouble.

They that know thy name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; consider my trouble : thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

That I may shew forth all thy praise, in the gates of the daughter of Zion : that I may rejoice in thy salvation. *Amen.*

V.

PSALM XVI.

PRESERVE me, O God : for in thee do I put my trust.

N

Thou, Lord, art the portion of my inheritance and of my cup : thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places : yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I have set the Lord always before me : because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad ; and my glory rejoiceth : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life ; in thy presence is fullness of joy : at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. *Amen.*

VI.

PSALM XXII.

MY GOD, my God, why hast thou forsaken me : why art thou so far from helping me ?

O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not : and in the night season, and am not silent.

But thou art holy : O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

Our fathers trusted in thee : they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.

They cried unto thee, and were delivered :
they trusted in thee, and were not con-
founded.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord : O
my Strength, haste thee to help me.

I will declare thy name unto my brethren :
in the midst of the congregation will I praise
thee.

Ye that fear the Lord, praise him : all ye
the seed of Jacob, glorify him, and fear him,
all ye the seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted : neither hath
he hid his face from him, but when he cried
unto him, he heard.

All the ends of the world shall remember
and turn unto the Lord : and all the kindreds
of the nations shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is
the Governor among the nations. *Amen.*

VII.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my shepherd : I shall not
want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pas-
tures : he leadeth me beside the still waters.

N 2

He restoreth my soul : he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me : thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life : and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
Amen.

VIII.

PSALM XXV.

UNTO thee, O Lord : do I lift up my soul.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord : teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me : for thou art the God of my salvation ; on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses : for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions : according to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in judgment : and the meek will he teach his way.

O keep my soul, and deliver me : let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me : for I wait on thee. *Amen.*

IX.

PSALM XXX.

I WILL extol thee, O Lord : for thou hast lifted me up.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment ; in his favour is life : weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my

mountain to stand strong : thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to thee, O Lord : and unto the Lord I made supplication.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me : Lord, be thou my helper.

O Lord my God : I will give thanks unto thee for ever. *Amen.*

X.

PSALM XLII.

AS the hart panteth after the water brooks : so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God : when shall I come and appear before God ?

My tears have been my meat day and night : while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God ?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me : for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God ;

With the voice of joy and praise : with a multitude that kept holy day.

O my God, my soul is cast down within me : therefore will I remember thee from

the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime: and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul: and why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. *Amen.*

XI.

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge.

I will cry unto God most high: unto God that performeth all things for me.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens: and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth. *Amen.*

XII.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth, my flesh longeth, for thee: in a barren and dry land, where no water is.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life: my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee, while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name:

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed: and meditate on thee in the night-watches.

Because thou hast been my help: therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. *Amen.*

XIII.

PSALM LXV.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion :
and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens : thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it : thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water.

Thou preparest them corn : when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly : thou settlest the furrows thereof.

Thou makest it soft with showers : thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness : and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks ; the

valleys also are covered over with corn : they shout for joy, they also sing. *Amen.*

XIV.

PSALM LXVII.

GOD be merciful unto us and bless us :
and cause his face to shine upon us ;

That thy way may be known upon earth :
thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let
all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy :
for thou shalt judge the people righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let
all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase :
and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of
the earth shall fear him. *Amen.*

XV.

PSALM LXXVII.

I WILL remember the works of the Lord :
surely I will remember thy wonders of
old.

I will meditate also of all thy work : and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary : who is so great a God as our God !

Thou art the God that doest wonders : thou hast declared thy strength amongst the people.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid : the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water ; the skies sent out a sound : thine arrows also went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven : the lightnings lightened the world ; the earth trembled and shook.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters : and thy footsteps are not known. *Amen.*

XVI.

PSALM LXXXIV.

HOW amiable are thy tabernacles : O Lord of hosts !

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :
they will be still praising thee.

They go from strength to strength : every
one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer :
give ear, O God of Jacob.

For one day in thy courts : is better than
a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house
of my God : than dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield ;
the Lord will give grace and glory : and no
good thing will he withhold from them that
walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts : blessed is the man that
trusteth in thee. *Amen.*

XVII.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BE merciful unto me, O Lord : for I cry
unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant : for unto
thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to
forgive : and plenteous in mercy unto all
them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer : and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee : for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord : neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord : and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things : thou art God alone.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and I will glorify thy name for evermore. *Amen.*

XVIII.

PSALM LXXXIX.

O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee : or to thy faithfulness round about thee ?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea : when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine : as for the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them.

The north and the south, thou hast created

o

them : Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm : strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne : mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound : they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day : and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. *Amen.*

XIX.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place :
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the
world : even from everlasting to everlasting,
thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction : and
sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but
as yesterday when it is past : and as a watch
in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood ; they are as a sleep : in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up : in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. *Amen.*

XX.

PSALM XCI.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress : my God, in him will I trust.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Because thou hast made the Lord which is my refuge : even the most high, thy habitation ;

There shall no evil befall thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways. *Amen.*

XXI.

PSALM XCII.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord : and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High :

To shew forth thy loving-kindness in the morning : and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work : I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works : and thy thoughts are very deep.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree : he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord : shall flourish in the courts of our God. *Amen.*

XXII.

PSALM XCIII.

THE Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty : the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself.

The world also is stablished : that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old : thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters : yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure : holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.
Amen.

XXIII.

PSALM XCV.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth : the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down :
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God : and we are the people
of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Amen.

XXIV.

PSALM XCVI.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing
unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name : shew
forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen :
his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be
praised : he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols :
but the Lord made the heavens.

Honour and majesty are before him :
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Amen.

XXV.

PSALM XCVII.

THE Lord reigneth ; let the earth rejoice :
let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.
Clouds and darkness are round about him :

righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

The heavens declare his righteousness : and all the people see his glory.

Zion heard, and was glad : and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil : he preserveth the souls of his saints, he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous : and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. *Amen.*

XXVI.

PSALM XCVIII.

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel : all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the

earth : make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the harp : with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof : the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands : let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :

For he cometh to judge the earth : with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity. *Amen.*

XXVII.

PSALM C.

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure, that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is

everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. *Amen.*

XXVIII.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities: who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction: who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord is merciful and gracious: slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth: so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west: so

far hath he removed our transgressions from us. *Amen.*

XXIX.

PSALM CIII.

LIKE as a father pitieth his children : so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame : he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass : as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him : and his righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep his covenant : and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens : and his kingdom ruleth over all. *Amen.*

XXX.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, thou art very great ; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment : who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters : who maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

Who laid the foundations of the earth : that it should not be removed for ever.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works : in wisdom hast thou made them all ; the earth is full of thy riches.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live : I will sing praise to my God, while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet : I will be glad in the Lord.

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul : praise ye the Lord. *Amen.*

XXXI.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord, O ye servants of the Lord : praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord : from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to the going

down of the same : the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above the nations : and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God : who dwelleth on high ;

Who humbleth himself : to behold the things that are in heaven and in earth !
Amen.

XXXII.

PSALM CXVI.

GRACIOUS is the Lord, and righteous :
yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul : for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

I will walk before the Lord : in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the Lord : for all his benefits toward me ?

I will take the cup of salvation : and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now : in the presence of all his people.

O Lord, truly I am thy servant ; I am thy servant, and the son of thy handmaid : thou hast loosed my bonds.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the name of the Lord. *Amen.*

XXXIII.

PSALM CXXI.

MY help cometh from the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day: nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: from this time forth, and even for evermore. *Amen.*

XXXIV.

PSALM CXXII.

I WAS glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

P

Our feet shall stand within thy gates : O Jerusalem.

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord : unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

For there are set thrones of judgment : the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls : and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek thy good. *Amen.*

XXXV.

PSALM CXXX.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee :
O Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities :
O Lord, who shall stand ?

But there is forgiveness with thee : that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord : my soul doth wait,
and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord : more than
they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord ; for with the
Lord there is mercy : and with him is
plenteous redemption. *Amen.*

XXXVI.

PSALM CXXXVI.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is
good : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods : for
his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords : for
his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that stretched out the earth above
the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that made great lights : for his
mercy endureth for ever.

The sun to rule by day : for his mercy
endureth for ever.

The moon and stars to rule by night : for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for his mercy endureth for ever. *Amen.*

XXXVII.

PSALM CXXXIX.

O LORD, thou hast searched me : and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and uprising : thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down : and art acquainted with all my ways.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit : or whither shall I flee from thy presence ?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there : if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning : and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;

Even there shall thy hand lead me : and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me : even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee, but the night shineth as the day : the dark-

ness and the light are both alike to thee.
Amen.

XXXVIII.

PSALM CXLIII.

HEAR my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land.

Hear me speedily, O Lord, my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning: for in thee do I trust.

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk: for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble. *Amen.*

XXXIX.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, O God my King: and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise thy works to another: and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty: and of thy wondrous works.

I will abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness: and will sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion: slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. *Amen.*

XL.

PSALM CXLV.

ALL thy works shall praise thee, O Lord: and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom: and talk of thy power.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall: and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee : and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand : and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry and will save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

XLI.

PSALM CXLVII.

PRAISE ye the Lord ! for it is good to sing praises unto our God : for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart : and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars : he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power : his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek : he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :
sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear
him : in those that hope in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy
God, O Zion. *Amen.*

XLII.

PSALM CL.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise God in his
sanctuary : praise him in the firmament
of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts : praise
him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet :
praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance :
praise him with stringed instruments and
organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals : praise
him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise
the Lord : praise ye the Lord. *Amen.*

THE END.



